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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION

MAIL STOP RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action of  
November 26, 2004, and to a telephone interview with the Examiner on February  
16, 2005. This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicant requests that the Amendment after Final that was filed on  
February 3, 2005 **not be entered**.

Applicant requests that the Supplemental Information Disclosure  
Statement filed Feb. 3, 2005 (in part electronically filed) **be entered**.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 42 of this paper.